GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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Illegal Mining/Blackmarketing of Coal
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of illegal mining, hoarding, theft and blackmarketing of coal have been reported from various coal mines in the country;
(b) if so, the details of such incidents reported during each of the three years and the current year along with the details of loss of coal and revenue as a result thereof, mine and State-wise;
(c) whether the Government has conducted any inquiry in this regard;
(d) if so , the outcome thereof along with the number of persons/officers found guilty during the said period and the action taken against them; and
(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check such activities in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL,
POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d) : Theft / pilferage and illegal mining of coal is carried out stealthily and clandestinely. As such, it is not possible to specify the exact quantum of coal stolen and losses incurred on account of theft / pilferage and illegal mining of coal.

However, as per raids conducted by security personnel as well as joint raids with the law and order authorities of the concerned State Government, the quantity of coal recovered and its approximate value, FIRs lodged during the last three years and the current year are as under:
ILLEGAL MINING OF COAL SUBSIDIARYWISE AND STATE-WISE

Co. State 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 (uptoDec"15) (Provisional)
Qty. Recovered (te) Approx. Value (Rs. Lakh) Qty. Recovered (te) Approx. Value (Rs. Lakh) Qty. Recovered (te) Approx. Value (Rs. Lakh) Qty. Recovered (te) Approx. Value (Rs. Lakh)
ECL WB 0.00 0.000 4 0.08 34.75 0.695 0.00 0.000
Jhar-khand 0.00 0.000 0 0 0.00 0.000 0.00 0.000
0.00 0.000 4 0.08 34.75 0.695 0.00 0.000
BCCL Jhar-khand 883.98 18.067 1096.46 45.775 0.00 0.000 0.00 0.000
WB 0.00 0.000 188.33 7.883 0.00 0.000 0.00 0.000
883.98 18.067 1284.79 53.659 0.00 0.000 0.00 0.000
CCL Jhar-khand 39.00 0.420 4.33 0.198 139.00 1.550 2.00 0.020
NCL UP/MP 0.00 0.000 0 0 0.00 0.000 0.00 0.000
WCL Maha-rashtra 0.00 0.000 0 0 0.00 0.000 0.00 0.000
MP 0.00 0.000 12 0.5 0.00 0.000 0.00 0.000
0.00 0.000 12 0.5 0.00 0.000 0.00 0.000
SECL MP 0.00 0.000 0 0 0.00 0.000 0.00 0.000
Chattis-garh 0.00 0.000 0 0 0.00 0.000 0.00 0.000
0.00 0.000 0 0 0.00 0.000 0.00 0.000
MCL Orissa 0.00 0.000 0 0 0.00 0.000 0.00 0.000
NEC Assam 0.00 0.000 37.45 1.162 0.00 0.000 0.00 0.000
Coal India 922.98 18.487 1342.57 55.599 173.75 2.245 2.00 0.020

FIRS LODGED IN CASE OF ILLEGAL MINING OF COALSUBSIDIARYWISE AND STATE-WISE

Co. State 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 (upto Dec"15) (Provisional)
ECL WB 0 3 2 7
Jharkhand 0 0 0 0
0 3 2 7
BCCL Jharkhand 2 0 3 4
WB 0 0 0 0
2 0 3 4
CCL Jharkhand 3 3 1 1
NCL UP / MP 0 0 0 0
WCL Maharashtra 0 0 0 0

MP 0 1 0 0
0 1 0 0
SECL MP 0 0 0 0
Chattisgarh 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0
MCL Orissa 0 0 0 0
NEC Assam 11 11 1 0

Coal India 16 18 7 12

THEFT/PILFERAGE OF COAL SUBSIDIARYWISE AND STATE-WISE
Co. State 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 (uptoDec"15) (Provisional)
Qty. Recovered (te) Approx. Value (Rs. Lakh) Qty. Recovered (te) Approx. Value (Rs. Lakh) Qty. Recovered (te) Approx. Value (Rs. Lakh) Qty. Recovered (te) Approx. Value (Rs. Lakh)
ECL WB 1944.00 38.860 1801 36.02 2229.60 44.640 2658.78 132.940
Jharkhand 2104.00 42.080 2068 41.36 2188.72 43.790 1447.66 72.400
4048.00 80.940 3869 77.38 4418.32 88.430 4106.44 205.340
BCCL Jharkhand 8352.58 181.204 12212.86 497.6 13812.17 585.036 8851.57 386.797
WB 0.00 0.000 39.51 1.659 179.46 7.537 289.80 14.150
8352.58 181.204 12252.37 499.25 13991.63 592.574 9141.37 400.947
CCL Jharkhand 2333.69 28.618 352.4 8.215 940.00 24.370 73.00 1.050
NCL MP 0.00 0.000 0 0 0.00 0.000 0.00 0.000
UP 0.00 0.000 0 0 0.00 0.000 0.00 0.000
0.00 0.000 0 0 0.00 0.000 0.00 0.000
WCL Maharashtra 146.71 3.343 61.81 0.935 133.36 2.790 53.00 1.120
MP 22.84 0.320 0 0 0.00 0.000 0.00 0.000
169.55 3.663 61.81 0.935 133.36 2.790 53.00 1.120
SECL MP 4.40 0.255 21.01 1.021 49.53 1.950 0.00 0.000
Chattisgarh 114.92 2.912 39 1.058 3.00 0.120 57.50 2.105
119.32 3.166 60.01 2.079 52.53 2.070 57.50 2.105
MCL Orissa 30.80 0.308 33.23 0.332 74.30 0.716 20.70 0.107
NEC Assam 313.93 17.770 212 11.62 13.03 0.620 0.00 0.000

Coal India 15367.87 315.669 16840.82 599.82 19623.16 711.570 13452.0 610.669

FIRS LODGED IN CASE OF THEFT/PILFERAGE OF COAL SUBSIDIARYWISE AND STATE-WISE
Co. State 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 (upto Dec"15) (Provisional)
ECL WB 19 5 27 62
Jharkhand 2 3 2 13
21 8 29 75
BCCL Jharkhand 14 12 9 15
WB 0 0 0 0
14 12 9 15
CCL Jharkhand 19 5 11 3
NCL MP 0 0 0 0
UP 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0
WCL Maharashtra 20 9 13 6
MP 2 0 0 0
22 9 13 6
SECL MP 2 2 2 0
Chattisgarh 12 2 1 6
14 4 3 6
MCL Orissa 1 2 4 0
NEC Assam 62 48 66 32

Coal India 153 88 135 137

Black marketing hoarding and irregularity in transportation of coal:

As per the information provided by the CIL, the following cases of alleged black marketing of coal have been registered by CBI:-

RC. No & Date Officials of NEC, an unit of CIL.
RC0172011A 0005 dated 12/04/11 1. Shri Deepakumar K, ASM, NEC
2. Shri S. Bhattacharjee, SO (Mining), NEC
3. Shri S. Acharjee, Sr. AO, NEC
4. Shri RajenMech, SOM, Tikak, NEC
RC0172011A 0014 dated 19/9/11 1. Shri Deepakumar K, Area Sales Manager, NEC

NORTHERN COALFIELDS LIMITED (NCL)

In respect of reports of black marketing of coal, CBI Lucknow and NCL vigilance dept. had jointly conducted surprise check at 7 small scale industries at Kanpur, Ramnagar, Chanduli, in Uttar Pradesh on 25.03.2011. CBI has registered cases against 5 of the said units. The names of these units are as under:-

S. No. Case No. Name of the Units
1. RC0062011A004
dated 13.04.2011 M/s. Swastik Cement Products Pvt. Ltd., A-5 Industrial Area, Ramnagar, Dist. Chandauli, UP
2. RC0062011A008
dated 13.04.2011 M/s Drolia Coke Industries Pvt. Ltd., D-8 Industrial Area, Ramnagar, Dist. Chandauli, UP.
3. RC0062011A005
dated 13.04.2011 M/s. Fertico Marketing & Investment Pvt. Ltd., B-20, Industrial Area, Ramnagar, Dist. Chandauli, UP.
4. RC0062011A006
dated 13.04.2011 M/s. Jai Durga Industries, B-12 Industrial Area, Ramnagar, Dist. Chandauli, UP.
5. RC0062011A007
dated 13.04.2011 M/s. Shree Ram Fuels, BH-4 Industrial Area, Ramnagar, Dist. Chandauli, UP.

At Kanpur, joint check was carried out at the following two (2) units.
1. M/s Eastern Flames Pvt. Ltd.
2. M/s Pandit Fuels Co. Pvt. Ltd.
No case has been registered against the above two units
Pursuant to surprise check by CBI and NCL Vigilance Department, NCL has suspended coal supplies to all 22 SSI units with whom FSAs had been entered into. The FSAs of the said SSI units have since expired. The units have filed a writ petition with the Hon'ble Allahabad High Court for the renewal of the FSAs with NCL.

SOUTH EASTERN COALFIELDS LIMITED (SECL) -

Only one case relating to black marketing has been reported.

(e): INITIATIVES TAKEN TO CHECK ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES LIKE â€¦.

Measures taken by the coal companies to check such illegal activities like theft/pilferage, blackmarketing, illegal sale of coal, etc., include:

i) Rat holes created by illegal mining are being dozed off and filled up with stone and debris wherever possible.
ii) Concrete walls have been erected on the mouth of the abandoned mines to prevent access and illegal activities in these areas.
iii) Regular raids/checks being conducted by security personnel and static security pickets including armed guards during the night hours are being deployed at pithead depots.
iv) Surprise raids/checks being conducted jointly by security personnel and law and order authorities of the State Government concerned.
v) Fencing is being constructed at the various illegal mining sites along with displaying of signboard mentioning "Dangerous and Prohibited Place".
vi) Dumping of the overburden is being done on the outcrop zones, which are not required to be mined.
vii) Collection of intelligence reports about illegal coal depots and illegal movement of coal and informing district authorities of the same for taking preventive action.
viii) Installation of check posts at vulnerable points to check transport documents.
ix) Training of existing security personnel, refresher training of CISF personnel and basic training of new recruits in security discipline for strengthening the security set up.
x) The coal companies maintain close liaison with the State authorities.
xi) Committee/task force has been constituted at different levels (block level, sub-divisional level, district level, state level) at some subsidiaries of CIL to monitor different aspects of illegal mining.
xii) Fencing, lighting arrangements and deployment of armed guards round the clock has been done around the coal dumping yard.
xiii) Regular patrolling is conducted in and around the mine including overburden dumps.
xiv) Armed Guards have been deployed at Railway sidings.
xv) Technology initiatives like GPS/GPRS/CC TVs and electronic weigh-bridges have been installed.
xvi) Challans for coal transportation by trucks outside the district are being issued after fixing hologram and putting signatures of authorized officials of CISF to check pilferage.
xvii) Regular FIRs are lodged by the Management of the collieries and CISF with local police stations against the pilferage/theft of coal. A close watch on the activities of criminals is kept by CISF, etc.
xviii) Escorting of coal rakes in coordination with RPF upto weigh- bridges, is arranged in pilferage prone areas, etc.

xix) IMPLEMENTATION OF IT INITIATIVES IN CIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

As the coal mines have large number of entry /exit points, physical surveillance of the area is almost impossible. Coal India and its subsidiary companies are emphasising electronic surveillance to obtain accurate data of production, dispatch etc. Large number of such points has been connected with Wide Area Network to obtain data on real time basis..The main objective of different IT initiatives are of two folds, i.e.,

i) Electronic surveillance to check theft and pilferage and
ii) Capture of real time data of production, dispatch, stores etc. to improve operation efficiency.

An integrated system has been conceived consisting of GPS/GPRS based vehicle tracking system with RFID, CCTV, boom barrier connected through a wide area network connecting all vulnerable points like weight bridges, material stores, entry/exit points, stock yard, sidings, explosive magazines etc. The objective is to track the movement of vehicles from the time it enters the mine area, i.e. coal dump/store yard to sidings along its route. Alerts are received in the form of exception report when vehicle violates defined routes, e.g. stoppage for longer time en-route, deviation from the designed route, etc. The status of different IT initiatives along with their implementation time lines for all subsidiaries Coal India Ltd., and its subsidiaries have been fixed.

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